

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge opened and held in the City of Raleigh on the first day of December Anno. Lucis 5796 Anno Domini 1796.

*Present*

The Most worshipful the honble. Gen Wm R Davie Grand Master.

The right worshipful James Glasgow Esq. Deputy Grand Master.

John L Taylor Senior Grand Warden.

Montford Stokes Jun. Grand Warden.

Rich. Freear Grand Treasurer pro tem.

Robert Williams Jun. Grand Secretary.

William H Hill G S D

Redmon D Barry G J D

The Lodge was opened in due form. The Delegates from the different Lodges produced their credentials, which were respectively read and received to wit.

Royal White Hart No 2 Halifax, brothers Eaton Pughe & Stephen Carney.

St John No 3 Newbern, brothers William McClure & Ben Woods.

Phoenix No 8 Fayetteville, brothers Robert Cochran & Duncan McCauslin.

Old Cone No 9 Salisbury brothers Montford Stokes & Thomas Carson.

Johnston Caswell No 10 Warrenton, brothers Jacob Mordicai & Wm. Johnston.

St John No 13 Duplin County, brother Claiborne Ivey.

Hiram No 24 Williamsborough, brothers James Vaughan, Stephen Sneed & Phillip Bullock.

Pansophia No 25 Moore County brothers Neil Smith & William Martin.

Davie Glasgow No. 26 Glasgow County brother John Holliday.

Mount Moria No 27 Iredell County brother David Caldwell.

VISITORS, Brothers H Urguhart, David Witherspoon, Waitstill Avery, John M Binford, Hudson Hughes, Robert Whyte, William Laurie, James Gray and Robert Burton and Samuel Crecey.

Received a letter of Communication from the Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts proposing several things

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therein specified; which, was laid over for further consideration.

Received from the respective Lodges the following returns to wit.

From St John No 3 Newbern a duplicate of their proceedings and a list of their members.

Hiram No 24 Williamsborough, a duplicate of their proceedings and a list of their members.

Johnston Caswell No 10 Warrenton, a duplicate of their proceedings and a list of their members.

Pansophia No 25 Moore County a duplicate of their proceedings and a list of their members.

Read certain instructions given by the Lodge No 10 Warrenton to their Delegates, which were by the Grand Lodge referred to a Committee of brothers John L Taylor, Montford Stokes, Robert Cochran, David Caldwell & Redmon Dillon Barry; and for them to report accordingly.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master layed before the Grand Lodge the Charter hereto fore granted to the Fraternity in Tarborough No 20, which was delivered to him on account of many disquietudes that existed in that Town; received by the Grand Lodge and ordered to be filed among our Archives.

The most worshipful Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge a book of Constitutions of the State of Massachusetts which was accepted with pleasure and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge of the State.

On motion and seconded, Resolved that the Communications from the Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts be refered to a committee consisting of the right worshipful Deputy Grand Master, brothers Edward Jones and John L Taylor.

Resolved that the right worshipful Deputy Grand Master be requested and he is hereby empowered to contract with some person to go immediately to the house of brother John Macon Grand Treasurer and bring from his possession the books and accounts belonging to that office.

On motion Resolved that the election of Officers for this Grand Lodge commence at the next meeting of the same.

Read a petition of brother Robert Smith of Cabarrus County praying to be admitted as a member of this Grand Lodge; which was laid over until the next meeting of the same.

On motion Resolved that the Grand Secretary be requested and he is hereby authorized to receive into his possession such payments as may be made by the respective Lodges as their annual quota. It being understood that the Grand Treasurer was absent.

The Lodge was then closed in due form, to convene again on Saturday next 6 o'clock P M.

Test. Robt. Williams Jun. Grand Secretary.

Saturday 3rd December A L 5796 the  
Grand Lodge met accordingly to adjournment, and was opened in due form when

*Present*

The most worshipful James Glasgow Deputy Grand Master, Grand Master pro tem.

R W John L Taylor Sen. Grand Warden

R W Montford Stokes Jun. G W pro tem

R W Richard Freear G T

R W Robert Williams Jun. Gr. Sec.

R W John Williamson G S D

R W Waitstill Avery G J D

MEMBER, Brother Redmon Dillon Barry.

DELEGATES to wit,

From St John No 1 Willmington,

brother Henry Urganhart.

St John No 3 Newbern,

Brother William McClure.

Old Cone No 9 Salisbury,

brother Montford Stokes.

Hiram No 24 Williamsborough,

brother Stephen Sneece.

American George No 17 Murfreesborough,

brother Hardy Murphy.

Mount Maria No 27 Iredell County,

brother David Caldwell & Burges Gaither.

VISITORS Brother James Gray of Franklin County,  
Samuel Murley of Fayetteville, Robert Smith  
of Cabarrus & Peter Cassau of Raleigh.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to elect the officers of the same when the following Brothers were duly nominated and elected to the respective offices as follows.

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The Most Worshipful William R Davie Grand Master.

The right worshipful James Glasgow Deputy Grand Master.

The right worshipful John Louis Taylor Grand Senior Warden.

The right worshipful Montford Stokes Jun. Grand Warden.

The right worshipful Robert Williams Jun. Grand Secretary.

Whereupon the most worshipful the honble. William R Davie was conducted into the Lodge room in the antiant form of Masonry.

Read a petition of Peter Cassau praying to become a member of this Grand Lodge when on consideration was proceeded on by ballot, when Brother Cassau was found to unanimously elected as such and came into open Lodge and took his seat accordingly.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to take into consideration the petition of Brother Major Gen. Robert Smith praying to become a member thereof; when on balloting brother Smith was found to be unanimously elected as such who came in and took his seat accordingly.

Read a petition of Samuel Murley of Fayetteville praying to become a member of this Grand Lodge which on consideration and balloting brother Murley was found to be unanimously elected thereto, who came in and took his seat accordingly.

Received from the Delegates of Davie-Glasgow Lodge in Glasgow County a return of their proceedings for the last year as likewise a list of their members which was approved of and ordered to be filed among the Archives.

On motion Resolved that Brothers Edward Jones and Henry Uguhart delegated from St John's Lodge No 1 Wilmington be admitted to take their seats as representatives of the same in this Grand Lodge notwithstanding their omission in producing proper credentials thereof.

Received from the Delegates of Old Cone Lodge No 9 Salisbury a return of their proceedings of the last year likewise a list of their Members which was approved of and ordered to be filed among the archives.

Read a petition of some Inhabitants in the forks of the Yadkin River in Rowan County praying to receive a Charter for a separate Lodge thereat which the Grand Lodge laid over for further consideration.

Received from St John's Lodge No 3 Newbern an authenticated transcript of their bye-laws, likewise of their proceedings of the last year with a list of their members which was approved of by the Grand Lodge and ordered to be deposited among the archives.

Resolved that this day fortnight being the 16th Ultimo that a dinner be prepared; whereat each Member, Delegate, and Visitor of this Lodge should be admitted to participate thereat without that hilarity and friendship belonging to Masons of our antient order.

Brother Major Gen. Robert Smith presented a petition from some inhabitants of Cabarrus County, praying a Charter etc. which the Grand Lodge laid over for further consideration.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brother Peter Cassau Stewert to this Grand Lodge, who accepted of the same and entered on the discharge of his duty of such.

The Lodge was then closed in due form to meet on Monday evening next.

Test. Robert Williams Jun. Grand Secretary.

Monday December 9th 1796 the  
Grand Lodge convened accordingly to adjournment when

*Present*

The Most Worshipful Montford Stokes Grand Sen. Warden, Grand Master pro tem.

R W Edward Jones Grand Sen W pro tem

R W Wm. McClure G J W pro tem

R W Robert Williams Jun. Grand Sec.

John Holliday G S D pro tem

Robert Colliyer G J D pro tem

MEMBERS Brother Peter Cassau of Raleigh, Gen Robert Smith of Cabarrus & Redmond Dillon Barry.

DELEGATES from St John No 1 Wilmington,

brother Henry Uguhart.

Johnston Caswell No 10 Warrenton

brother James Turner.

St John No 3 Duplin,

brother Claibourne Ivey.

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VISITORS Brother Waitstill Avery, James Rhodes, Frederick Phillips, Duncan Moore and James Martin of Stokes County.

The Lodge was opened in due form etc.

Read a petition from several brother Masons of Wayne County praying for a charter for a separate Lodge in the same by the name of Columbia. Which the Grand Lodge on investigation think proper to grant by the same name and No 28. Therefore ordered that a charter issue accordingly directed to brother James Rhodes master, bro James Green Senior warden & brother John Bledsoe Junior Warden.

Read again the petition of several inhabitants brothers, etc. of Cabarrus County praying for a Charter which on motion; Bro. Gen Smith has leave to withdraw.

Read petition of Brother Waitstill Avery of Burke County praying to become a member of this Grand Lodge; which on consideration and balloting brother Avery was found to be unanimously elected; who came and took his seat accordingly.

No further business being before the Lodge it was then closed in due form to meet again on Thursday evening.

Test. Rob. Williams, Jun. Grand Sec.

Sunday the 17th of December A D 1796 A L 5796 the Grand Lodge met accordingly to adjournment when

### *Present*

The most worshipful, the honorable Maj. Gen William R Davie Grand Master.

The right worshipful, the honorable, James Glasgow Secretary of State, Deputy Grand Master.

R W Montford Stokes G J W & Sen Warden pro tem

R W William Duffy G J W pro tem

R W Robert Williams Jun. G. Sec.

R W Claiborne Ivey G Sen. D

R W Burges Gaither G Jun D

MEMBERS Bro. Redmund D Barry & Gen Robert Smith.

DELEGATES from St John No 1 Wilmington,  
brother John Uguhart.  
Old Cone No 9 Salisbury,  
Thomas Carson.  
Mount Maria No 27 Iredell County,  
David Caldwell.

The Lodge was then opened in due form and solemn form.

The Grand Lodge then took under their consideration the Communication from the Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts; and after a due investigation thereof Resolved that this Grand Lodge adopt and receive on their part the first and second propositions by them made as rules and regulations of this Lodge.

I.....to wit. "That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary under the direction of the most worshipful Grand Master, after the choice of Officers each year, to transmit a list of the new Officers chosen or elected; as also, an attested copy of all new general regulations adopted, to the Grand Lodge of every State in the Union.

II....."That it shall be an invariable principle that no Charter of erection or dispensation, shall be granted to any number of Masons residing out of the State wherein the Grand Lodge, adopting the principle is held; except when the Grand Lodge of the State in which the petitions reside shall acquiesce therein in writing."

The Committee appointed to communicate with the Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts made a report, which was unanimously approved of and ordered to be sent forward by the Grand Secretary of this Lodge.

Read a petition of Brethern residing in and about Nashville in the State of Tennessee praying for a Charter to constitute a Lodge in the said town of Nashville. Which the Grand Lodge on investigation thought proper to grant agreeably to the said petition by the name of St. Tammany No 1 of Tennessee.

On motion and seconded Resolved that a committee be appointed to draft out and form certain rules and regulations as a Constitution of the Grand Lodge of this State, and that the subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction shall be bound to observe the same accordingly. For that purpose was nominated and appointed the most worshipful William R Davie Grand Master, the right worshipful James Glasgow Deputy Grand Master, Brothers William Duffy, and Robert Williams grand Secretary. And that notice hereof be transmitted to the Lodges respectively under the jurisdiction of this Lodge.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the choice of a Grand Treasurer when Brother Richard W Freear was nominated

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thereto and on balloting he was found to be unanimously elected to that office; and was installed accordingly, after the antiant form of Masonry.

Read again the petition of some brother Inhabitants of the Forks of the Yadkin river in Rowan County praying a Charter to issue empowering them to open and hold a Lodge thereat, as specified in this said petition. Which this Grand Lodge on enquiry thought proper not to grant; but that a dispensation issue to them for the term of one year.

Read again the petition of some Brothers Inhabitants in the County of Cabarrus praying for a Charter empowering them to hold a Lodge therein. Which this Grand Lodge on enquiry thought proper not to grant but that the same be rejected.

On petition and motion Resolved that a dispensation issue directed to brother Montford Stokes Master, brother Major General Robert Smith Senior Warden and brother John Long Junior Warden, empowering them by the offices annexed respectively to their names to open and hold a Lodge in the County of Cabarrus, at some certain place by them appointed for that purpose.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

Test. Rob. Williams Jun Grand Sec.